SONG OF THANKSGIVING

My Beloved "I AM" Presence
Grateful am I now for Thee!
Flooding forth Life's perfect Essence
Setting all the earth now free.
Let us see Thyself now clearly
Rend—O—rend the human veil—
Bless the Masters we love dearly
By Their Love, God does prevail!

Thank You for the air we're breathing
Thanks for earth and sea and sky,
Thank You for the many blessings
Men so thoughtlessly pass by.
Thank You for a heart that's beating,
Thanks for home and comforts too,
Thanks for perfect sight and hearing
All through Love that flows from You!

Thank You for the blessed sunshine
Filling all our worlds with cheer,
Thank you for the Elementals,
And the friends we hold so dear,
Thank You for Love's Great Forgiveness
Thanks for loving Mercy, too,
Thanks for God's Great Gift of Healing,
Thanks—O—thanks for ALL YOU DO!

Thank You for our native country
Blest America—"THE FREE,"
Lift her people out of bondage
Raise their consciousness to Thee.
Hold them in the Heart of Freedom,
Seal them in His Violet Flame,
Purify their homes and families
Thru the Love of Saint Germain!

My Beloved "I AM" Presence,
Grateful am I now for Thee,
Take my body, mind and spirit,
Take the heart and soul of me.
Make of me Thy perfect Chalice—
Messenger of Love and Peace,
By the Light of God within me
Give Ascension's sweet release!

Tune: "What a Friend We Have in Jesus." The Beloved Maha Chohan has recently been kind enough to say He was grateful for these words and suggested it would be well to sing it in each group meeting—or individually, once every day, if possible, since Gratitude brings so many blessings to the one who sincerely sends it forth. It is particularly appropriate to this Thanksgiving Season.

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As the yearly cycle draws to a close, the Lord of the World again invites the Members of The Great White Brotherhood, and all the Officers of the Spiritual Hierarchy to the HOME of the spiritual Court for the planet earth and her evolvirg lifestreams at the mystic SHAMBALLA, whose Name vibrates through the souls of both the initiate and chela, bringing remembrance of the perfection of Life which they have vowed to serve!

Millions of years have passed since the Voluntary Exiles from the Planet Venus came to our earth and joined their shining spirits to the wheel of birth and death, in order that they might build together a beautiful City of Light which would be worthy to be Host to The Great Sanat Kumara and His Thirty Guardian Spirits when the Lemurian Pole Star signified the Hour of Visitation was come!

For over nine hundred years, these friends of Venus labored and at last the beautiful Shamballa, with Its glorious Temples and lovely arched Bridge connecting the White Island with the mainland, was completed. Then the blessed laborers knelt in reverence and homage as the Heavens opened and the descent of The Lord of Love with His Court brought to the earth a new hope for redemption, with an assurance from the Cosmic Law that, for an indeterminate time, the life and sustenance of the planet would be provided through His sacrifice and in the hope that Sanat Kumara and His Loving Helpers might evolve a way and means of securing the interest of the souls of men in learning to draw and radiate the Light required to keep the planet in the Solar System.

Out of His own Life Energy, Sanat Kumara pledged the Cosmic Law to radiate the amount of Light required to warrant the

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investment of the energies of both the Sun and the Directors of the Elemental Kingdom in providing a sustained planetary home for a recalcitrant evolution.

A way and means had then to be devised whereby the natural children of earth and their pledged Guardian Spirits might be awakened to their own responsibility in creating an aura of Light for their planet, which would satisfy the demands of the Cosmic Law and allow Sanat Kumara to return to His own Star Venus, where His Beloved Twin Ray, Who had promised to sustain His Service during His exile, awaits Him.

Thus was born the Great White Brotherhood . . . Slowly, through the centuries, the Love and Light of Sanat Kumara have drawn the awakening souls of men and women toward SHAMBALLA. Here, in the inner bodies, they first become members of the Spiritual Court of this King of Kings and as time passes they develop within themselves a remembrance or consciousness of The Brotherhood. It was through this awakened consciousness that the first illumined members of the humanity of earth prepared themselves to assume certain offices held, up to that time, by Guardian Spirits from other planets and stars. Now, the Cosmic Law has issued a fiat that the exile of Sanat Kumara shall be consummated within the next twenty year period—and, if the earth is to maintain her place in the solar system, the sons and daughters of the planet must learn to emit the individual and collective light required to make the earth a self-luminous Star of Freedom in our system. All those who are interested in learning how to control the energies of their own heartbeat and contribute to the electronic Light required, are invited to join the Great Cosmic Council at Shamballa, by directing their consciousness toward It before they lay their bodies down to sleep at night. Here they may sit at the feet of the Beloved Sanat Kumara Himself and absorb the Wisdom and Knowledge of His Inner Court during the thirty day period when the Retreat is active.

THOMAS PRINTZ

TO OUR GENTLE READERS

In answer to the many inquiries concerning the similarity of the second book of our series, "Beloved Archangel Michael, His Work and His Helpers" and the first discourse in the Discourse Distribution Service, also by the Beloved Archangel Michael, we wish to assure you THEY ARE NOT THE SAME. We have so much wonderful material to get out to you that there is NO NEED EVER TO DUPLICATE. Each of these publications is individual in itself and renders its own particular service. Thank you so much for your loving interest in our humble endeavors, to bless life.

EXCERPTS FROM DISCOURSE OF LORD MAITREYA

"Things for which to be Thankful"

Beloved and Blessed Spirits of God, do you know how much you are loved? Have you thought in your long and tedious journey through the world of form of the amount and intensity of love that has been invested in your lifestreams individually?

From the moment when you were called forth, a sweet and innocent Spirit Spark from the Heart of the Universal Father-Mother God, from that very moment of individualization, *Love* has sustained you!

Love has furnished for you, out of the beautiful Electronic Light Body of God Himself, the Electronic Form of your own Presence!

Love has drawn for you the substance of the Elemental Kingdom, which has made up for you an emotional body by which you might feel the glorious Nature of God—by which you might feel Love and Harmony and Beauty, and every other feeling which is of that nature.

Love has fashioned for you from the elemental substance a mental form by which you might receive the ideas of the Universal and fashion for yourself an individual world—peopling it according to free will.

Love has created for you an etheric envelope into which you might record the experiences in the use of energy and vibration—building into this etheric body the Mastery of Light.

Love has drawn from the physical atoms of this world the very physical body which you wear.

All of that electronic light substance, beloved children, is intelligent and beautiful, free life that chose to forego its happiness in Spheres and Realms of Perfection for the questionable opportunity of making garments for your souls.

Love, from the Heart of the Kingdom of Nature, fashioned for you this very planet—a platform upon which your feet might stand—fresh water to refresh your bodies and garments—the beautiful firmament with the blue sky of day and the star-studded mantle of God at night, to give you rest and peace, and give you opportunity to refresh yourselves in your journey through the world of form.

Love through the great Maha Chohan, drew from the Kingdom of Nature into the Temples the tiny elemental forms and trained them to embody themselves in flower, in tree, in shrub, in grass, and the very substance that through Nature nourishes and sustains your physical garment.

Love has done all of this for you!

Love drew the Heart of Sanat Kumara from His Own Beloved Venus and helped Him to accept this self-chosen exile, that this very planet earth might be sustained and men not be found orphans without a planetary home!

Love from the Heart of Sanat Kumara drew the response from the Great Guatama Buddha and Myself in His great desire to create a Hierarchy that might teach man again the Power and Mastery of Life within the Sacred Fire!

Love has caused every Master who has finished the journey of earth, Who has stood in the Halls of Karma and Who has gained the Victory of the Ascension,—to renounce the peace of Nirvana, the welcome of Life on the bosom of The Father, to return to work in this lower realm—to serve and set Life FREE!

Love created the Karmic Board, that the creations of your own misuse of energy might not be pressed too heavily into one earth life, but, in mercy, might be meted out century after century, so that the soul within might find opportunity to develop, and not be smothered in the creation of its own thought and feeling!

Love kept the Angels in the atmosphere of this earth when They might know the joy and happiness of Realms where there is no distress or sorrow!

Love keeps Lord Michael twenty out of every twenty-four hours in the psychic and astral realms, cleaning up the human creations, so that the clothing of every soul might be free of the appetites and passions and the lusts, which do not allow the soul to rise into the schoolrooms which have been provided by that same love, to teach them the way out of their chains of bondage to Freedom!

It is Love indescribable that has created and fashioned in the Inner Spheres those schoolrooms that do not just appear by happenstance—they are thought out of the mental bodies of My Beloved Kuthumi, My Beloved Saint Germain, My Beloved Jesus, and every other Master who has chosen to contribute His thought and feeling faculties to create a focus into which the souls of men might be drawn, that they might be given understanding;

It is Love that has provided for you this beautiful focus (Sanctuary).

It is Love in each of you that responds to the magnetic pull in this Temple—brings you here despite the pressure of your own aura and your individual world, and the heaviness that lies on your sweet souls, making you feel sometimes the task more heavy than that soul can possibly carry.

Oh! My precious hearts, it is Love—Love alone—that has created and sustained this Universe! It is Love that keeps the very elements of your body from returning to the Universal! It is Love that holds the planets in their orbits—the Sun in place in our Solar System! It is Love that carries the Systems in a perfect, rhythmic manner in a path around the Great Central Sun—moving ever, ever onward to a manifestation of Glory which your precious hearts and consciousness could not conceive!

Oh! If all of this Love has been drawn and invested in you, do you not think then that you are an important part of creation? . . . When the Great Cosmic Intelligence from Whose Heart and Consciousness has come into being and form new bodies for aeons of time, enfolds you with Love to sustain and develop your bodies, and through the members of the Angelic Host, the Devas, the Cherubim and the Seraphim, guard this Star and keep it in its orbit . . . When Mighty Beings like Sanat Kumara should choose to remain in exile century after century . . . *Do you not think that the Light in your heart is loved?* Do you not think that you have been created for some great Cosmic Destiny? Do you not feel that Love so invested should now have fit return?

Is it not the hour when the sons and daughters of men shall rise and turning their attention to their own God, ask that they may be shown *without mistake* what they as individuals shall do —for what purpose each one was created? Is it not time that the knee of the outer self shall bend before the Holy Christ Self? I am the Cosmic Reprsentative of the Holy Christ Self, and in all humility ask that the Will of that Christ Self through the outer be done. I think we have come to that day, . . . the day of complete inner honesty and self-surrender when every man bares his head before his God—bows his knee before his Christ, and accepts the joyous, happy, harmonious responsibility of fulfilling the Divine Plan for which Love has sustained him for millions of years.

It is not enough to be harmless . . . it is not enough to be negatively good . . . to cease to do evil. Those who respond to the Banner of the Christ must constructively be *doing good*. The Second Coming is individual, My Beloved hearts, the Shining Christ Self of each one stands waiting to externalize through the physical and inner bodies which It has sustained, guided, purified and guarded for centuries, a portion of that Great Divine Plan which can be manifested through no other lifestream. Each of you holds a thread in the Tapestry of Life which must be woven, and great the hour when the Cosmic Words might be said "It is finished" and I may offer to the Universal this planet and all upon it, and say "Into Thy Hands, Oh Father Eternal, do we command this earth and these God Free Spirits."

ADDRESS OF BELOVED SANAT KUMARA

Beloved, Infinite Spirits of Light and Life Eternal, who hold My ransom within your heartbeat, I greet you in the Name of the Holy Brotherhood, Who lives but to set life free!

I bow before the Light that is within the Flaming Presence of your heartbeat, for that Light is the hope of the world. It is the assurance of the permanent place in the Solar System for the earth which has been your host for century after century of time. Within that heartbeat is the redemption of the energy that has made a death shroud of her garments of immortality. Within that heartbeat is the Divine Alchemy by which the cry of pain and agony which rises into the atmosphere may be transmuted into the Paean of Praise and join the great Music of the Spheres as the Anthem of Freedom for a star that shall yet shine with the light as of the physical Sun!

Is it not right and proper that each and everyone of Us who live but to serve life should bow before the Presence of Life within the heart of even the most humble, of even the deepest sleeper? Why? Because—once awakened—that intelligent Light, moulded by the power of creative thought and feeling, becomes the master control of all substance and all form. Oh! I have watched carefully the light in your hearts these past weeks and months, for It is the ransom which you have chosen voluntarily to pay, that through your own free will the chains that have bound Me in this self chosen exile of the centuries might be removed, and unfettered I might rise on your love to My Star, to My Beloved who has awaited for aeons of time that I might fulfill My promise to Her when I said "Adieu," thinking it but a matter of a few short years before I would return.

Standing together in the Light of Venus, hearing the songs of the Great Celestial Choir, looking at your sweet earth, I said to Her—"Beloved, I go on Wings of Love to a planet that is in pain and, because I believe in the ultimate goodness of life, that planet one day shall send Me home." She smiled and said "Go in peace, Beloved, and I shall do for Us both that which You as Lord of this Star would wish Me to do, and however long Your exile, I shall wait with anticipation Your return."

It has been a long time . . . a long time since the Lemurian Pole Star shone . . . since the Great Kumaras and I swept through the ethers toward the tiny flickering points of Light representing My faithful ones who had prepared for Me Shamballa. It has been a long time since the Glory of Shamballa was known across the face of your earth and since you consciously, through the outer forms that you then wore in grace, walked over the great carved

Bridge into the City of the Sun and stood before Me in the Temple, receiving into the braziers that you carried the Immortal Flame of Life Eternal which was to burn upon your hearths, within your homes, in your local temples for the twelve months to come and yet—I vouch that tonight there is not a heart within this room to whom I speak who does not remember, with a thrill in the feeling world, that day!

Friends of the ages. . . . Friends of Venus among you . . . Friends of Mercury . . . Friends of Uranus . . . and Friends of Earth! Friends of the Sun . . . Angels and Elementals! I bless you for coming to a point of conscious awareness that makes you desire within the deepest recesses of your hearts to invest your sweet energy in creating an Orbit of Light for this earth and taking upon your shoulders the responsibility that I have carried so willingly, of making this dark star a Sun of light. You can understand, you, who have desired freedom from the shackles of human bondage, what gratitude you feel toward the action of the Violet Flame in setting you free.

Some of you have questioned within yourselves today the coming of the Lord of the World. Because of a humility in the outer consciousness, or because of an uncertainty in the feelings, you have wondered that I should come among the sons of men. In whom would I be more interested than those who have offered there lives that I may return to My Star before She passes through Her Initiation into greater freedom? You have been told, and rightly, that before I return to Venus We would walk and talk with the children of earth . . . We would visit their homes and bless their consciousness, and this night is the fulfillment of that promise.

Beloved Friends of God! You within whose hearts burn the desire for Justice, may I remind you that the Light of the World is primarily released through the qualities of the feeling nature which are constructive in intent and which call forth from the lives you contact happiness, harmony, contentment, peace and co-operation . . . those of you who are earnestly desirous of becoming the Light of the World may, through the use of the Sacred Fire of your own heartbeat, pour through your feeling world the substance of My Own Energy, keeping careful watch on the qualities that you allow to generate and radiate through the feelings, because they create either shadow or sunshine. Though your lips proclaim that you wish to serve the Light, if your feelings generate qualities of depression, heaviness, discontent and discouragement, you are unconsciously weaving the shroud of human creation around the planet, rather than weaving the Immortal Garments of freedom which gives her a permanent place as a shining Orb of Light. The contagious power within the feeling world, when once understood

by the chela and disciple, becomes the predominant activity in transmuting the shadows of earth into sunshine. You know this yourself through the most simple and homely of examples—happiness begets happiness . . . optimism begets optimism . . . kindliness begets kindliness, and, in another, a smile begets a smile and a frown begets a frown.

For *one* who is a conscious controlling factor of his own feeling world, there are a *hundred* who are mirrors that reflect what that one, who desires to be master, generates and releases.

Oh, surely, as you walk among the ways of earth you will contact depression, you will contact unkindness and you will note that it is the predominant feeling of your own world to mirror these qualities on the instant, but later comes the mastery of the electronic light substance that will make you one day a Lord of the Flame.

You must no longer mirror the feeling directed at you or that flows unconsciously through your environment. You must create consciously the vibrations in the feeling body that are a contagious power for good to be absorbed and accepted by the individuals that life draws around you and which will make them light conductors also.

This is the practical aspect of your service if you choose in heart and soul and spirit to do that which you profess to do with your lips—and that is *to give Me My Freedom.* The feeling world is the determining factor in the final analysis as to whether—at the close of the twenty year span, when Life chooses to remove Me from this screen of action— mankind is capable, either individually or collectively, to emit enough Light to sustain the place of the earth in this system.

You will excuse My extreme enthusiasm on this subject. I do not mean to shock you unnecessarily, for I love you . . . Oh, yes, I love you so much more than your own life can yet believe possible . . . I have proved that love . . . I have stayed with you— believed in you—covered you with a mantle of My own life and poured out from My own body for millions of years the Radiance that the earth was required by Cosmic Law to emit.

I shall love you always, here and when I have returned Home . . . but My Love is great enough to show you a practical way by which you, sweet hearts and hope of heaven and earth, may become Myself in action.

When first I took up residence in the Heart of Shamballa, the earth was in a sorry state. Then it was that the Great White Brotherhood was conceived within My Mind and Heart in hope that,among the sons and daughters of the evolution of earth and the Guardian Spirits who had become caught in the meshes of the human effluvia as well, some would choose at inner levels to join Me,

and in some measure help Me to reach the consciousness of just a few who would choose then to control their energies and become Light Bearers. I had nothing to work with but Light and Love and many centuries passed before even two lifestreams applied for membership—One later became the Buddha and the other became the Cosmic Christ (Lord Maitreya). The Brotherhood has grown through those ages and centuries until almost all the Offices are held now by those belonging to the evolution of earth and those who have volunteered to remain among her evolution. It comes now to the hour when My successor is to take upon Himself the Office of the King of the Brotherhood and the Lord of the World, and I shall pass into My Own evolution again.

It is a custom when a member of the human race enters into the Great White Brotherhood that the applicant is brought before Lord Maitreya and there is invested with a blessing of My Own Blazing Star of Light and the initiation which takes place unites the consciousness of the outer self with My Own Body for all eternity. This does not take place until within the heart of the student and disciple there is created an individual star which externalized signifies to The Brotherhood that such an one is ready to merge his own personal life in God's service for the good of the whole.

It is My joy to place that Star within each of your auras as soon as your own heart's light signifies that you are ready to accept this blessing and responsibility and make you a Light Bearer, vested with the power to change the feeling world of all with whom you come in contact, not through effort of human will, but through the Power of The Flame which is your heartbeat.

SANAT KUMARA

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THE MASTERS OF WISDOM SPEAK

MAHA CHOHAN

The mystic union between Master and chela is a most beautiful experience when witnessed by one whose inner sight is opened, and who, in the role of an observer, can see the blending and mingling of the substance of the auras which ensue when such a visitation, and its subsequent outpouring and spiritual radiation floods forth. The vibration that draws the Master and pupil together in the very first instance, is natural sympathy of vibration which is clearly discernible through the color of the aura of both Teacher and chela, although the two auras in development may be as far apart as the Sun and the flame of a candle in intensity, clarity, power and vibration. The Master being the Greater Intelligence is aware of that complementary vibration long before the chela, and the saying that the Master chooses the pupil rather than the pupil the Master is a Truth, because the consciousness of the pupil during many of the earlier centuries, when the Master is already overshadowing him, has no concept of even the existence of such Superior, Perfected Beings.

EL MORYA

The point I want to stress is that most of the good, the advancement, the sustaining power of the human race has been due to the loving care, radiation and protection of the Ascended Host, which humanity in its ignorance has thought was due to their own self-effort. Now comes the hour when those who will not cooperate with and join their efforts to the Masters' work will find this radiation withdrawn and through bitter experience will realize they were neither self-sufficient, nor even able to sustain their physical bodies.

You have this hour *within you* ALL the substance, activity, power and primal essence that every Ascended Master has to work with, by which We build worlds, etc. Why do you not get busy and utilize that part of the law which you know—and build something tangible each day? As Saint Germain has said to you—"precipitate something good every day!"

KUTHUMI

Saint Theresa said, you will remember, that Christ had no hands on earth to bless but Hers, no eyes thru whom to see, no lips thru whom to speak, no feet thru whom to carry the message of God but Hers, and I say to you the same. . . . Lord Maitreya, the Christ of the Universe, Lord Buddha, the Heart of Love, and My Humble Self have but your bodies, your feelings, your desires thru which We may reach mankind. We stand in the Heart of Freedom. . . . We stand in the Realm of Truth and Our Hands are stretched out to mankind but they do not even know We exist, they do not know that We have Being, but *you do*—and thru you, each one, who is a *Bridge* from the human to the Divine—thru you can We reach the mankind of this earth and give them back the understanding by which they may set their feet upon the path and return Home. The path lies open before them, their Presence stands at the end of its way but there must be those among the Sons of Men to point the way and to stand by in the rough places, ease them by love, encourage them by light and give them impetus of example and manifest works until they come to a point of enthusiasm in themselves and they become, like you, their "brother's keeper."

PAUL—The Venetian Master

In the Western World, I have not found many lifestreams willing to open themselves to the Influence of the Third Ray, with the deep, sincere, heart desire to UNDERSTAND the motives behind the actions of their fellowman, and through such understanding equip themselves to assist to set that fellowman free. Oh! for the tolerant, understanding lifestream desirous of knowing the heart cry of the soul and then, intelligently, helping to set into action those causes which will result in freedom and happiness for each such one!

SERAPIS BEY

Saint Germain says—"As the conscious is to the unconscious, so is the use of the Flame to the recognition of the Light." This statement contains within itself the distinct difference between the natural conductors (music lovers) of spiritual currents at the opera, who are unconsciously drawn by the musical vibrations and the chelas who have a knowledge of the activities engaging the energies of Heaven and Her Sons. The audience is what one may call 'a great sounding board' built by their combined presence and attention—*a Bridge* over which the currents may be anchored into a city and blended into the feelings of the people, and the Masters form the Directing Intelligence by which the Cosmic Devas and Angels connect the spiritual energies from the Temples of Music with the Great Devas directly concerned with the location involved. The musical presentation is often acted out in a Music Temple with an Ascended Master or Angelic Being at every position in the

Cosmic Cast and the orchestra as well. Each One works through His representative artist in the physical company, according to his receptivity, his spirituality and general capacity to be an outpost of Divine melody and song.

HILARION

We will take up a few emotions, for example—Possessiveness—a tremendous feeling form that draws the God energy and *smothers* the object of its affection.

Gossip—which is almost the most insidious—because through poison sent out, it starts whirls of emotion in the lifestreams of many and soon you have an inner conflagration. *Criticisms, condemnation* and *judgment* are also closely related. The silent criticism of seeing discrepancies and faults in others disturbs the feelings of one's own emotional body and sets up causes of discord which react in physical disturbances, but the spoken criticism sets others' emotional bodies into the same vibratory action and its unhappy effects are without any limit.

The really vicious emotions are evident and do not so much affect the aspiring student, such as jealousy, hate, anger and malice. Lust is considered *sister* to these vicious emotions, and until one has attained the glorious body of eternal light, lust is evident in an advanced student—mental rejection of this statement to the contrary.

JESUS

Where discord appears to manifest, it simply means that the energy that should be pouring forth harmoniously in the Love that transcends every human concept, has been qualified by the individual into the discordant appearance merely by changing its rate of vibration. The energy is the same in love and hate and jealously, in fear and in confidence but the rate of vibration makes the difference in its *quality*. Therefore, Beloved Ones, no one may say that he is without love, without confidence and without faith, for, if we pour Light into hate or fear or lack of confidence, we quicken the rate of vibration of that quality and so change it into a constructive expression.

No individual who has energy or life within him, is without the Fullness of God, and Light alone is the *transforming quality* of life!

SAINT GERMAIN

Oh, the vision of the future is so beautiful! If I could but impart it with sufficient clarity that it would enter into your outer consciousness, I know that I would fire you with an enthusiasism that would never lag again. The drawing forth of lifestreams at certain points on this earth's surface who are willing to set up,

thru the energies of their own lifestreams, radiating centers which we may use as our own bodies, is a deep desire of My Heart. Then, on a moment's notice, flashing that Sacred Fire thru these living conductors, We could render the assistance which would hold in balance and check plagues and epidemics and cataclysmic activities and all the various scourges that seem to play upon the screen of life and distress mankind. This had been done thru the ages—on Atlantis, in Lemuria, in the civilization of seventy thousand years ago, where we were all gathered together and controlled all conditions by light. There were certain lifestreams who had an affinity for peace, others with an affinity for power, others with an affinity for the Flame and substance of healing, and there (gathered together in Temple foci) was the nourishment for all the masses who made up that civilization.

LORDS OF KARMA AND THE KARMIC BOARD

(Continued)

We speak now, not of the great mass of sleeping souls, who pass through the Karmic Halls in groups, (and who are in rather a somnambulistic state during the entire procedure, and are gently carried by Spirit Guardians, after the mass judgment, to suitable Spheres where they may be awakened, at least a little) but rather of the average good individual who has developed certain God Principles and spiritual interests, and so has earned individual consideration, and also the smaller and more select number of chelas and spiritually developed lifestreams who have earned the special assistance of the Karmic Board.

Approaching the Halls of Karma, we see the great, high doors open wide. Groups of individuals are entering through the arched doorway under the guidance of Angelic Beings; also other single spirits, accompanied by Shining Beings of Light, are approaching and joining the groups ascending the stairs toward the portals. As we draw near the Open Doors which seem to dwarf even the greatest beings who enter through them, we are overwhelmed by the great size of the building, and the long corridor that stretches before us almost as far as the eyes can see.

As we proceed along the corridor, we notice doorways opening off the central corridor and over each doorway is the name of a country, "China"—"India"—"Argentina" and so forth. From time to time, we see groups of individuals, who apparently have left the body as a member of the race or country indicated by the sign over the door, turn off from the main corridor and enter these small ante chambers. They are apparently awaiting summons by the Messenger of the Karmic Counsel.

We proceed, however, the entire length of the corridor and

finally come upon the great audience chamber and enter quietly, seating ourselves just inside the door.

Before us, is a large chamber, not unlike the House of Commons in England, and upon the raised dais in front are Seven Throne Chairs, although we are told that usually only four are occupied—the Great Lords of Karma acting for each other— and only at the half yearly Councils do the Seven Members officiate as One.

The seats are all occupied with individual souls, together with their sponsors, or with groups of individuals, together with their guardians and protectors.

A great Angelic Being calls the name of the individual or group, and they rise, together with the sponsors—if any—and proceed to the front of the room, where the record of the life just ended is read in a loud and disconcerting voice by the Angel of Record. Then the Christ Self reports on what *might* have been accomplished according to the natural talents of the individual and the opportunities afforded the lifestream through the kindness and mercy of life and The Brotherhood, who are constantly looking for ways and means by which the soul may expiate certain debts to life in constructive, impersonal, and altruistic services.

Before judgment is handed down, and the lifestream or group is given into the keeping of the Being who will take them to the schoolroom and enroll them in the active study fitted for their evolution and progress—never with a sense of punishment—but ALWAYS with a sense of developing the latent light in the heart, any member of The Great White Brotherhood may "speak" for such a soul, and offer to take the responsibility for such an one, if he is released into the Brother's custody. If this is done, the individual soul is given to the Master and proceeds to a much higher sphere and receives much greater assistance than that which he has earned by "merit." This is where the efficacy of the prayers for the "dead" and the supplication for one's loved ones becomes so potent, because by drawing the attention of a Master toward the soul about to enter the Hall of Judgment, always without question the Master will either go in person and offer to sponsor the soul, or will send a representative or chela to speak for that soul and conduct such an one to a proper place where, in time, the Master will visit him and assist in his evolution.

At no time does the Karmic Board punish a lifestream. Their complete and entire concern is with the providing of the very best natural conditions for the development of the spiritual nature of the individual. If an individual has lived a very wicked life, it may be necessary that such an one experience the *feeling* of the quality of energy he has charged into life. This is done in order to impress the consciousness that such qualification is not in accord with Divine Law.

(To be Concluded)

THE GATES OF BIRTH AND DEATH

Preparation for the Passing of the Soul

Beloved Presence of God, "I AM," in the heart of this Blessed One! I bow before Your Presence and Your Authority over this lifestream and I accept the Wisdom of Your Decision to take the soul Home!

I bow before the Presence of Our Lord Maha Chohan, the Holy Comforter, within this room, and I feel the Radiance of His Peace as a blanket of Spiritual Comfort which is the Master control of all the energies of the soul and those who are near and dear to this heart. Only Peace—Harmony—Happiness and Holiness shall manifest through this period of transition! The soul shall pass quickly and gently from the tabernacle of the flesh into the fuller freedom of God's Heart.

Blessed Maha Chohan we ask that You accept the final breath from this soul, even as You gave the first breath into its keeping at its birth.

In the Name of the God of Mercy, Beloved Jesus, and the Ascended Master Saint Germain, who as Saint Joseph became the Patron of a happy passing, I call on the Law of Forgiveness for all transgressions against God's Pure Life by this soul, not only in this earth life, but since the beginning of time. I ask the Flaming Substance of Cosmic Christ Forgiveness to transmute all the energies that were drawn forth through the avenues of the senses—hearing, seeing, speaking, feeling, touching—as well as the more subtle manifestations of evil evoked through the mental, emotional and etheric bodies—which have created the chains and shackles of the soul.

I speak in the Name of the Ascended Jesus Christ to the elemental in charge of sustaining life in the physical body and bid you now cooperate with the Will of the Divine Self, graciously releasing this soul, without struggle, into the Arms of the Archangel Michael and His Angels of Deliverance!

What I have asked here today, I ask for every soul that passes from the earth within this twenty-four hour period, and particularly for those who have no one to intercede for them! So be it!

EXCERPTS FROM AN ADDRESS BY OUR LORD MAHA CHOHAN September, 1953

For the past two thousand years, man has spent much time in the Sixth Sphere, in devotional service and praise to God for His goodness. Here I would have you elaborate on the manifold blessings manifested in your own life . . . mark them off one by one. The words to the "Song of Thanksgiving" render a great service to life in reminding the outer consciousness of the many blessings to which it is heir.

Where would you be without life, without a heart beat . . . without a platform of earth beneath your feet, without a Sun to shine in the sky, without water? You would not even have a physical body if it were not for your parents. People say they have nothing to do and yet this application I give you this morning would take you through three hours of acknowledgment and development.

When you have spent a certain portion of time in sending your love and gratitude to God, you might start thinking of the channels that brought you into Truth and bless them each one—the Minister, Priest or Rabbi that baptized you, the Sunday school and patient school teacher, the first one that taught you loyalty and awareness. Then think of your Spiritual teachers, and each lifestream who has opened the door to Truth. While in this contemplative mood, you might think of your Celestial Friends—each Being who has opened your consciousness to more understanding. Think of the Archangel Michael and His loving guardianship. Think of Sanat Kumara, Glory be to His Name. Think of the Sun God and Goddess, from Whose Bosom came your own Heart Flame,—on, on, ad infinitum. When you have finished this contemplation, you will find that you have filled your feeling world with happiness and joy and I am sure that you will want to give a balance back to life by sending your love into the Violet Temple of The Seventh Sphere. You will want to become a bridge, giving your energies in decrees and song and visualization and you will want to become an example of what a Free Man should be!

LOVE AND BLESSINGS
MAHA CHOHAN

THE HEALING CHALICE

THOU art the Chalice into which My healing flows, Oh children of My Heart! "I AM" Perfection. "I AM" Life and Light and Liberty and all that is held most dear within the hearts of men. It is thine own desirings that have contaminated My perfect gift of Life to thee. In mercy and in love, My Pure Flame renews and restores thee with each breath and through each pulse beat within thy mortal heart. I AM The Healing Flame now active within thee, my beloved children. Thou hast torn thy flesh upon the thorns growing by the wayside and thy life blood flows freely from thy wounds. In pain thou dost cry out to The Father-Mother God for comfort and Lo! The Healing Presence stirs within thee and thou art made whole. Man has learned, through practice and experimentation, to assist in bringing comfort and balance and peace to those who suffer, through the ministrations of herbs and poultices and splints and surgery. My Flame of Healing abides within all these, yet think thee that such ministrations would heal a corpse? Ah! My loved ones, it is within thine own heart flame that My Perfection abides, ever ready to create, sustain and maintain It's Perfection and It's Divinity. The wound upon thy flesh or within the very confines of thy blessed heart, heals because MY LOVE abides within My Creation and renews and restores it in patience and in certainty as long as thou thyself will permit. Couldst thou but see the Flaming Essence of My Love at work within thy form, thou wouldst surely know that "I AM" thy life, thy strength, thy very being. *"I AM" thy healing now!* Abide within My Flame and be thou made whole! Thy "CHALICE" is even now, filled to the brim. Acknowledge Me . . . Thy God . . . healed by My Great Love.

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WINGS OF LIGHT—By V. F. Angelday

Wise, indeed, and happy too, is the individual who puts His REAL SELF FIRST in His life. As your first thought on arising, greet that Inner Self with a loving smile and a deep feeling of intense gratitude for Its willingness to stay with us another day, to sustain us by Its Love, protect us by Its Grace, guide and direct us by Its Wisdom and supply us from Its limitless abundance of every good thing.

Do you like to be ignored? No—we love to be thought of, especially by those we really love. How long would you continue to give your very Life, Love, Understanding, Patience, Forgiveness, and Supply to one who had forgotten you completely, who never ever turned their attention in your direction? That is what this "monitor" in your heart has done for century after century for you, through many ages of time.

Its constant daily endeavor has been to lead us in the paths of righteousness (the right use, or constructive use of life) that which will produce Health, Wealth, Beauty and Happiness. All that is of God is beautiful—think it thru—Love, Joy, Peace, Faith Confidence, Mercy, Opulence—all are God created, God sustained and God expanded and all are beautiful, reproducing their kind.

That "monitor", that "prompter" within, desires ONLY GOOD for you. Its sole purpose of existence is to take care of you. It knows just exactly what qualities will make you, personally, happy for, after all, YOU ARE ITSELF. IT HAS NEVER FORGOTTEN YOU, in all the thousands of bodies similar to the one in which you read these words, NEVER has that glorious life in your heart forgotten you! Is not that constancy a thing of beauty in itself. Do you know anyone else so devoted to you that their only interest in existence is to make YOU happy?

Then do you think it is extremely foolish for you to longer deliberately push aside this Friend of Friends and persist in your own ways of thought and feeling, of limitation and distress, when right within your own physical heart is this TRUE FRIEND of Eternity of whom we have now become aware? At your slightest sincere call Its Light and Love rushes to you—if you will get still enough you can FEEL it—and it brings you Peace. At your call, also, this can and will be sustained. "Ask, and ye SHALL RECEIVE". Angels of Thanksgiving surround you completely, now and all ways and keep you reminded of the Friend within your heart.